

Message

From: Berckes, Nicole [Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/21/2021 7:46:50 PM
To: Messina, Edward [Messina.Edward@epa.gov]; Goodis, Michael [Goodis.Michael@epa.gov]
CC: Layne, Arnold [Layne.Arnold@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ed/Mike review requested: draft response to state of Maine re: PFAS in packaging

Great, thank you Ed! -Nicole

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From: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
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Cc: Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Ed/Mike review requested: draft response to state of Maine re: PFAS in packaging

Looks good. Ok.

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Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:44 PM
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Cc: Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>
Subject: Ed/Mike review requested: draft response to state of Maine re: PFAS in packaging
Importance: High

Hi Ed and Mike

Allison Dennis (OCSPP comms director) has requested review from either of you regarding the draft response to a question on PFAS in packaging that pesticidepackaging@epa.gov received from the state of Maine. The incoming question and draft answer (in italics) are pasted below. Full email thread is below, too.

Might either of you be able to review the draft response this afternoon, and I can get back to Allison? She will then run it by Nancy Grantham in OPA. Thanks so much. Let me know if there is anything else you need from my end. Cc'ing Arnold as well.

All best,
Nicole

QUESTION: From Megan Patterson, Director, Maine Board of Pesticides Control: I see that Clarke has indicated that Maine is one of the "states that purchased Anvil 10+10". It is unclear to me what that means. Is Clarke suggesting that the State of Maine purchased Anvil? Or are they saying that private businesses or other entities purchased Anvil?

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Best regards,

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From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>
Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Responding to Q's in new pfas packaging inbox

I think that works better. Nicole, any way you can get Mike or Ed approval on it? After they ok, I'll check in with Nancy G for final agency approval?

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>
Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Hi Allison,

How is this for the response to Q2 instead?

2. From Megan Patterson, Director, Maine Board of Pesticides Control: I see that Clarke has indicated that Maine is one of the "states that purchased Anvil 10+10". It is unclear to me what that means. Is Clarke suggesting that the State of Maine purchased Anvil? Or are they saying that private businesses or other entities purchased Anvil?

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Best regards,

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Best,
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From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>; Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>
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How are we doing with the response to the 2nd q?

Nicole- are you able to get me access to the inbox? I think we had another inquiry come in on Monday from a citizen. How's that response coming along?

From: Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>
Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Thank you Allison – I'll send the response for the first question.

Rhina kindly helped put together the second response (thank you Rhina). Rhina and Greg, please let me know which is the best SME to connect with on clarification for this answer

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and I will connect with the SME late next week when I'm back in the office.

Nicole

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From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>

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1st response is good to go.

2nd response needs some finessing. This person is from Maine and wants to know who exactly in Maine purchased the product.

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Cc: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>

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Hi Allison, thank you for the additional information. I am out of the office until Thursday, January 21. If possible, it would be great to have someone monitor and help with the pesticidepackaging@epa.gov box on Tuesday, January 19. If not, I am able to draft responses for you to review when I return on Thursday.

Below are draft responses for two questions. As of today at 3:30pm, pesticidepackaging@epa.gov has received three email requests in total.

Best,
Nicole

1. From Katie Murray, Executive Director, Oregonians for Food & Shelter (OFS): One claim I've come across which I'm hoping you can clarify is: does EPA allow pesticide manufacturers to include PFAS in their formulations as inert ingredients which do not have to be reported?

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2021, at 2:46 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Here's protocol for now till Wednesday....

Nicole, please go ahead and start preparing responses to any of the incoming inquiries if you haven't already. Once you have an approved response, please send it to me and I'll give it the final review/approval. Please do not give others access to the inbox. Only you should have access.